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Subject: Feedback proposed local plan

Hello,

I am writing to express my concern at the building of 90 new houses in Thrussington included within the proposed Local plan for Charnwood.

The proposed Local plan for Charnwood is a thoughtful document which tries hard to balance the housing needs of the future and the effect of these on the environment. However, the inclusion of Thrussington is baffling as the village does not meet key elements of Charnwood's own criteria; accessibility and sustainability.

Thrussington has no bus service therefore any new housing developments would result in a massive increase in car use in and out of the village. This is not sustainable for the environment and dangerous for other road users, such as horse riders, cyclists and walkers (there is no pavement between Thrussington and Hoby).

The Local plan for Charnwood requires new housing to be close to amenities. Thrussington does not meet these requirements as the nearest convenience store is in East Goscote 3.5Km away and the nearest GP's surgery is in Syston 6Km away.

No traffic assessment has been undertaken. Issues such as road safety, parking and congestion within Thrussington have not been taken into account. The crossing of the A46 at the top of Seagrave Road has been made busier by the recent opening of the Leicester City football training ground. It is a very dangerous crossing and would not be made safer by the introduction of potentially 180 additional cars.

Charnwood council can be proud of its rural villages and rolling countryside. It is hoped that they would work hard to preserve the character of nucleated villages such as Thrussington. The proposed development would change the character and appearance of the village forever.

One of the two fields ear-marked for development is HA67. Here I must declare an interest, [REDACTED] The ridge and furrows from medieval strip farms are still visible. The ancient hedge is home to a variety of wildlife. A barn owl nests in a tree bordering the field. He hawks across the field for food, as do the swallows nesting in the eaves of my house.

The development will certainly have an impact on the barn owls and the swallows who already suffer from a lack of suitable habitats.

Thrussington had a neighbourhood plan adopted in 2018 why has this suddenly been disregarded?

So, although the majority of the plan seems sound the inclusion of Thrussington is unsound.

Yours sincerely.

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